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1. The 3 Infantry Regiment located at Vidin-Belogradchik consists of the following staff:

Commander : Lieutenant Colonel Bankin
 Assistant Commander : Major Nikolov (also commander of 1 Battalion)
 Political Commissar : Lieutenant Georgiev
 Attached to rear headquarters : A Soviet captain

2. During the last three or four months, the following equipment has been supplied to 3 Infantry Regiment:

- A number of Russian heavy machine guns
- Schmeizers
- Six Russian infantry guns
- New Russian rifles
- Three mortars (wheeled)
- Twelve light mortars

3. Three mixed batteries of Soviet guns, three Soviet searchlights, and 25 Soviet trucks have now been attached to 2 Anti-Aircraft Regiment, which is equipped with 24 German guns. Each battery consists of: 150 soldiers, one large and three small caliber guns. A number of Soviet instructors arrived with the guns. The officer strength of 2 Anti-Aircraft Regiment is as follows: one colonel or lieutenant colonel, four majors, seven captains and one Soviet major.

4. On 3 April 1949 two batteries of horse-drawn field artillery guns and six heavy mortars with rubber tire wheels, arrived at Elhovo for firing practice.

5. A military commission, composed of two majors (one of whom was a Soviet), four captains, six lieutenants and a number of clerks, arrived at Elhovo on 3 April 1949. They were housed at the headquarters of 11 Infantry Regiment, and remained two days, making a tour of the area.

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